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Sri V. Balakrishnan :—" How many of the number given under 'Officials' belong to the category of the servants of the Government of India and how many belong to the category of the servants of the Madras State? "

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi :—" State Government officials are 214, Central Government officials are 4."

Nilambur Producers-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society.

* 407 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government received any petition, dated 13th March 1953, from the Action Committee elected by the Nilambur Producers'–cum–Consumers' Co-operative Society share holders and the Public regarding the grave mismanagement of the society; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" Is it a fact that Rs. 80,000 were misappropriated in the Nilambur Producer–cum–Consumer Co-operative Society, and will the Hon. Minister be pleased to appoint an officer to go into the whole case of misappropriation by the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar and put an end to this kind of profession? "

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—' It is a fact that such a huge amount is alleged to have been misappropriated and we have already referred the matter to the District Collector of Malabar who is vested with all the powers of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, to look into the matter."

Reserve lands in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—Sri K. R. Viswanathan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of Harijan Reserve and ex-military Reserve lands available for cultivation in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk;

(*b*) the number of acres out of these reserves brought under cultivation ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to convert these reserves into assessed waste lands?

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—" (*a*) The total extent of Harijan Reserve lands is 474·41 acres. No land is reserved for ex-servicemen.

" (*b*) 36·82 acres.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

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Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that the present cultivators cultivate these lands for a number of years, the Government will assign these lands to the present cultivators irrespective of their community?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The point is that that block of land is reserved for Harijans."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" My question is: will these lands be assigned to the present cultivators irrespective of their community?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member may induce his hon. Friend the Harijan Member to agree to that."

Sri S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the total area of wet and dry land respectively out of this total area, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

Waste lands in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 409 Q.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of assessed waste lands available for cultivation in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk;

(*b*) the number of acres out of the assessed waste brought under cultivation;

(*c*) whether the Government received applications for assignment of these waste lands by the cultivators; and

(*d*) the action taken by the Government on these applications?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 1,120·25 acres.

" (*b*) 375·06 acres.

" (*c*) Only one application from an ex-serviceman has been received by the Deputy Tahsildar, Ariyalur, during this fasli.

" (*d*) The Deputy Tahsildar is taking action on this application."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, it is really wonderful that in spite of various petitions by the cultivators concerned, who are on these 375 acres of land, the Government have not received any of their petitions, but that only one from an ex-service man has been received. Will the Government see that these 375 acres of land which are cultivated by the landless poor who have occupied these lands for a number of years are assigned to these landless poor people?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I shall have it examined, Sir."